

## Access to Information Act

### 13(1) (INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE)

13. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information that was obtained in confidence from

- (a) the government of a foreign state or an institution thereof;
- (b) an international organization of states or an institution thereof;
- (c) the government of a province or an institution thereof; or
- (d) a municipal or regional government established by or pursuant to an Act of the legislature of a province or an institution of such a government.
- (e) an aboriginal government.

### 15(1) (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE)

15. (1) The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the conduct of international affairs, the defence of Canada or any state allied or associated with Canada or the detection, prevention or suppression of subversive or hostile activities, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, any such information

- (a) relating to military tactics or strategy, or relating to military exercises or operations undertaken in preparation for hostilities or in connection with the detection, prevention or suppression of subversive or hostile activities;
- (b) relating to the quantity, characteristics, capabilities or deployment of weapons or other defence equipment or of anything being designed, developed, produced or considered for use as weapons or other defence equipment;
- (c) relating to the characteristics, capabilities, performance, potential, deployment, functions or role of any defence establishment, of any military force, unit or personnel or of any organization or person responsible for the detection, prevention or suppression of subversive or hostile activities;
- (d) obtained or prepared for the purpose of intelligence relating to
  - i) the defence of Canada or any state allied or associated with Canada, or
  - ii) the detection, prevention or suppression of subversive or hostile activities;
- (e) obtained or prepared for the purpose of intelligence respecting foreign states, international organizations of states or citizens of foreign states used by the Government of Canada in the process of deliberation and consultation or in the conduct of international affairs;
- (f) on methods of, and scientific or technical equipment for, collecting, assessing or handling information referred to in paragraph (d) or (e) or on sources of such information;
- (g) on the positions adopted or to be adopted by the Government of Canada, governments of foreign states or international organizations of states for the purpose of present or future international negotiations;
- (h) that constitutes diplomatic correspondence exchanged with foreign states or international organizations of states or official correspondence exchanged with Canadian diplomatic missions or consular posts abroad; or
- (i) relating to the communications or cryptographic systems of Canada or foreign states used
  - i) for the conduct of international affairs,
  - ii) for the defence of Canada or any state allied or associated with Canada, or
  - iii) in relation to the detection, prevention or suppression of subversive or hostile activities.

### 19(1) (PERSONAL INFORMATION)

19. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains personal information as defined in section 3 of the Privacy Act.

21(1) (OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT)

21. (1) The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains

- (a) advice or recommendations developed by or for a government institution or a minister of the Crown,
- (b) an account of consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a government institution, a minister of the Crown or the staff of a minister of the Crown,
- (c) positions or plans developed for the purpose of negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Government of Canada and considerations relating thereto, or
- (d) plans relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a government institution that have not yet been put into operation,

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**From:** Evelyn.Puxley@international.gc.ca s.13(1)  
**Sent:** August 20, 2012 12:04 PM s.15(1)  
**To:** Donnelly, Joya  
**Cc:** MacDougall, Peter; Peter.MacArthur@international.gc.ca; Wozny, Jennifer; David.Nelson@international.gc.ca; Christina.Komorski@international.gc.ca  
**Subject: RE: 10 August Update on Aung San Suu Kyi**  
Joya,

To complement David's message:

Note that GSD/Giokas heard via e-mail late Friday

We are checking on status of her US visit both via Rangoon and in Washington.

Evelyn

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**To:** 'Donnelly, Joya'  
**Cc:** 'MacDougall, Peter'; Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Komorski, Christina -GSA; MacArthur, Peter -GSD; 'Wozny, Jennifer'  
**Subject: FW: 10 August Update on Aung San Suu Kyi'**

Joya,  
Here is the latest on the ASSK invitation.

David

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**From:** Sanford, Wendell -JLA  
**Sent:** August 20, 2012 5:39 AM  
**To:** Nelson, David -GSA; McDougall, Robert -BNGKK -GR  
**Cc:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Saing, Ne Lynn -BNGKK -GR; Santerre, Luc -GSC; Kitnikone, Ping -BNGKK -TD; Gawreletz, Steven -GSC; Haque, Azra -BNGKK -TD; MacArthur, Peter -BBB  
**Subject:** 10 August Update on Aung San Suu Kyi

Have phoned [REDACTED] hourly today without success. Follow up email sent as well. I have phone message in to US Embassy to determine schedule and status of US trip.

Wendell Sanford

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**From:** Nelson, David -GSA  
**Sent:** August 17, 2012 8:30 AM  
**To:** Sanford, Wendell -JLA; McDougall, Robert -BNGKK -GR  
**Cc:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Saing, Ne Lynn -BNGKK -GR; Santerre, Luc -GSC; Kitnikone, Ping -BNGKK -TD; Gawreletz, Steven -GSC; Haque, Azra -BNGKK -TD; Glokas, Greg -GSD  
**Subject:** Re: Update on Aung San Suu Kyi

Thank you.

David

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**From:** Sanford, Wendell -JLA  
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2012 01:53 AM  
**To:** Nelson, David -GSA; McDougall, Robert -BNGKK -GR  
**Cc:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Saing, Ne Lynn -BNGKK -GR; Santerre, Luc -GSC; Kitnikone, Ping -BNGKK -TD; Gawreletz, Steven -GSC; Haque, Azra -BNGKK -TD; Glokas, Greg -GSD  
**Subject:** Update on Aung San Suu Kyi

Left phone message and sent email both on Friday morning. I will let you know as soon as I have a response.

Wendell Sanford  
Burma

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Secretary to the Cabinet

Greffier du Conseil privé et  
Secrétaire du Cabinet

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER**

**REQUEST FOR A COURTESY MEETING WITH AUNG SAN SUU KYI**

(Decision Sought)

**SUMMARY**

- Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi, Burmese opposition leader and honorary Canadian citizen, plans to travel to North America in September. As part of this trip, she is interested in a 1.5-day visit to Canada beginning on September 23 or 24, to meet with government officials and the Burmese community.
- [Redacted]
- While the program for Ms. Suu Kyi's North American program is still being developed, she will travel to Washington, D.C., to receive the Congressional Award and meet with government officials, and to New York City to receive the Atlantic Council's Global Citizen Award. She will also spend time on the US's west coast.

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*for Wayne G. Wouters*  
Wayne G. Wouters

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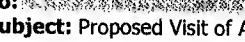
**Komorski, Christina -GSA**

**From:** Sanford, Wendell -JLA  
**Sent:** August 22, 2012 6:02 AM  
**To:**   
**Subject:** Proposed Visit of Aung San Suu Kyi to Canada

U Phy Zeya Thaw:

Grateful if you could update me regarding the status of my presentation to you of 14 August.

Wendell Sanford  
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**From:** Sanford, Wendell -JLA  
**Sent:** August 16, 2012 11:46 PM  
**To:**   
**Subject:** Proposed Visit of Aung San Suu Kyi to Canada  
**Importance:** High

Further to our conversation Tuesday evening could you advise me with respect to what progress has been made with respect to Canada's proposal that Aung San Suu Kyi visit Canada for one day to address our Parliament and meet with our Prime Minister and Foreign Minister during her trip to North America and the offer of the Government of Canada to place an executive jet at her disposal to do so.

Your early response would be appreciated.

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**Komorski, Christina -GSA**

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**From:** Sanford, Wendell -JLA  
**Sent:** August 20, 2012 5:36 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Visit of Aung San Suu Kyi to Canada

Phyo Zeya Thaw

Further to our conversation last Tuesday evening 15 August and my attached email of Friday 17 August I would be extremely grateful if you could update me regarding Aung San Suu Kyi's response to Canada's proposal that she visit our country for one day during her American tour to address Canada's Parliament and meet with Canada's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. As indicated in our note the Government of Canada would be pleased to place an executive jet at Aung San Suu Kyi's disposal to take her and her party from the American city of her choice to Ottawa Canada and return to that city, or another American city, at the end of the same day.

Your early reply would be very much appreciated.

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**Sent:** August 16, 2012 11:46 PM  
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**Komorski, Christina -GSA**

**From:** Saing, Ne Lynn -BNGKK -GR  
**Sent:** July 26, 2012 11:58 PM  
**To:** 'Dr. Tin Mar Aung'  
**Cc:** Galigan, Amy -BNGKK -GR  
**Subject:** RE: Visit to Canada

Dear Dr. Tin Mar Aung,

We are very sorry to hear this. We know that not only the Minister, but civil society groups in Canada will be very disappointed that they won't be able to welcome Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to Canada. We're wondering if there's anything we can do that would make a side visit to Canada easier to fit into her schedule. We're prepared to facilitate a very brief trip or any other schedule changes that might make things easier. The flight from DC to Ottawa is only 90 minutes and it's even possible to do a day trip only. We're very keen to see what we might be able to work out.

Kind regards,

Ne Lynn Saining (Mr.)  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Tin Mar Aung [mailto:[nna.ngengeaung@international.gc.ca](mailto:nna.ngengeaung@international.gc.ca)]  
Sent: July 27, 2012 9:16 AM  
To: Saing, Ne Lynn -BNGKK -GR  
Subject: Visit to Canada

Dear Nelynn,

I am really sorry to inform you that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will not be able to visit Canada in September. Canada has been fully supported through out but her trip to US has been really tight and we were unable to plan for this September trip for Canada. She will make to Canada in another separate one. I do apologize for our conversation last week on the phone that she could make.

Thank you so much for inviting her to visit Canada.

Regards,  
Dr. Tin Mar Aung

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**Komorski, Christina -GSA**

**From:** May, Jennifer -BNGKK -GR  
**Sent:** July 19, 2012 3:03 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Sanford, Wendell -JLA; Saing, Ne Lynn -BNGKK -GR; Galigan, Amy -BNGKK -GR  
**Subject:** Visit to Canada of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi  
**Attachments:** Invitation to visit Canada.pdf

Dear Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,

I was delighted to hear of your planned travel to North America and am writing to reiterate the Government of Canada's invitation for you to visit Canada. You may recall that Minister Baird extended this invitation at the time of your meeting in March 2012 and by letter in December 2011 (attached).

I understand that you are planning a trip to the United States in September and we would be honoured if you would visit Canada as part of that trip. Canadians, including Parliamentarians, activists and Burmese people living in Canada, are enthusiastic to greet you and celebrate your work. I understand that you are considering participation in the Interparliamentary Union in Quebec City in October, however, we would also like to invite you to pay a visit to Ottawa, preferably in advance of the Quebec City meeting. The House of Commons will resume sitting following its Summer break as of September 17 so any date after that time would be welcome and would enable you to meet with a large number of Canadian Members of Parliament.

The Embassy of Canada in Bangkok will be pleased to coordinate planning with your office. The main point of contact at the Embassy is Mr. Ne Lynn Saing, who can be reached at [nelynn.saing@international.gc.ca](mailto:nelynn.saing@international.gc.ca) or +66 2646-4386.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Daw Aung San Suu Kyi:

Over the years and since my appointment as Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs in May 2011, I have followed the situation in Burma with profound interest. I have been pleased to learn of the positive developments that have taken place in recent months, including your party's decision to re-register to participate in upcoming by-elections. You have been a fearless defender of values that all Canadians share: a belief in freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. The Government of Canada continues to support the pursuit of genuine democracy for the Burmese people.

Although recent events have been encouraging, the reform process in Burma is still in its early stages. We hope that the initial changes we have seen will continue to grow and multiply. For example, as a step toward democracy, we hope that Burma will uphold religious freedoms for all Burmese, including Christian and Muslim minorities, for history has shown us that religious freedom and democratic freedom are inseparable. I would welcome your assessment of the changes taking place, and how Canada and the international community could support further progress.

Of course, we still have many serious concerns about human rights in Burma. We have consistently urged the Burmese government to continue down the path to democracy, including by releasing all remaining political prisoners, and by engaging in genuine dialogue with ethnic groups aimed at resolving long-standing conflicts.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Ambassador Ron Hoffmann to share your perspective on the situation in Burma. As an honorary Canadian citizen, you have an open invitation to visit Canada, and I hope you will have an opportunity to do so at an appropriate time. In the meanwhile, please know that you continue to be a source of inspiration to Canadians. We wish you every success as you continue your important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Baird".

John Baird, P.C., M.P.

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**Nelson, David -GSA**

**From:** Nelson, David -GSA  
**Sent:** September 4, 2012 9:18 PM  
**To:** Kitnikone, Ping -BNGKK -TD; Sanford, Wendell -JLA; Gawreletz, Steven -GSC  
**Cc:** Komorski, Christina -GSA; Santerre, Luc -GSC  
**Subject:** Re: ASSK

Thanks for the. Quick response.  
David

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From: Kitnikone, Ping -BNGKK -TD  
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 08:51 PM  
To: Nelson, David -GSA; Sanford, Wendell -JLA; Gawreletz, Steven -GSC  
Cc: Komorski, Christina -GSA; Santerre, Luc -GSC  
Subject: Re: ASSK

[REDACTED] As an honourary citizen, she wanted to be sure to properly convey her appreciation of Canada's friendship, etc.

[REDACTED] Other details on the discussion will be provided on the other system.

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From: Nelson, David -GSA  
To: Kitnikone, Ping -BNGKK -TD; Sanford, Wendell -JLA; Gawreletz, Steven -GSC  
Cc: Komorski, Christina -GSA  
Sent: Wed Sep 05 09:44:18 2012  
Subject: Fw: ASSK

Ping, Wendell,  
Any additional details you could provide on the bilat with ASSK would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,  
David

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From: Cripton, Erich -MINA  
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 06:32 PM  
To: Komorski, Christina -GSA  
Cc: Villanueva, Sofeene -GPM; MacArthur, Peter -GSD; Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Nelson, David -GSA; Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA; Jeffrey, Heather -USS; Pomele, Simon -USS; Mackey, Timothy -USS; Grant, Alison -DMA; Gour, Christian -DMA  
Subject: ASSK

Christina,

o/MINA requests a formal readout of Minister Fast's bilateral with ASSK, particularly with respect to her advising Minister Fast that she would not be able to visit Canada during her upcoming trip to the US.

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Best,

Erich

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Dear Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,

Further to recent discussions with your staff, it is my pleasure to provide additional details concerning the invitation of the government of Canada, to visit Canada as an honoured Special Guest during your September trip to the United States.

A potential program in Ottawa would include an address to the House of Commons. Meetings could also be arranged with the Canadian Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and any other Canadian interlocutors with whom you wish to engage.

As an official Special Guest of the Government of Canada and as an Honorary Citizen of Canada, you will be met by a Government of Canada aircraft in the American city of your choice, and returned in a government aircraft to your next destination in the United States. Travel time from the Eastern United States to Ottawa is sufficiently short to enable a half or full day program in Ottawa, as you wish. Canadian officials stand ready to facilitate an enjoyable program in our capital Ottawa, ensuring that it is brief, productive and comfortable, and does not interfere with the priorities of your time in the United States.

Your visit to Canada would be a unique opportunity for Canadians to salute your courage in defence of the democratic values Canada also holds dear. It will reaffirm the growing ties between Canada and Burma and allow for further discussion on how Canada can best support your efforts to promote fundamental freedoms and democratic principles in Burma.

I sincerely hope you are able to accept this invitation. Please accept my best wishes and strong support as you continue your important work in Burma.

Sincerely,

Ping Kitnikone  
Chargeé d'affaires  
The Embassy of Canada to Burma

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**Nelson, David -GSA**

**From:** Nelson, David -GSA  
**Sent:** August 21, 2012 4:57 PM  
**To:** Mackey, Timothy -USS  
**Cc:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; MacArthur, Peter -GSD; McGovern, Peter -GPM/DSMX; Komorski, Christina -GSA; Jeffrey, Heather -USS; Gour, Christian -DMA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA; Grant, Alison -DMA; Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA; Pomel, Simon -USS  
**Subject:** Summary of steps taken re: ASSK visit

Tim,

As discussed, below is a summary of our efforts to arrange a visit to Canada by ASSK. Following the delivery of the letter outlining our offer to facilitate a visit by ASSK on August 14, we have made frequent attempts to follow up with ASSK's office. Due to poor telecoms in Burma we were not able to reach ASSK's staff yesterday or last Friday.

We will continue efforts to reach ASSK's office and will try to arrange a time for a phone call to ASSK.



David

**Timeline:**

Week of July 16: BNGKK was in touch with ASSK's personal secretary and were told that they are still in the midst of drawing up her notional program for the trip to North America but Canada is on their list. ASSK had also received an invitation to attend the 127th assembly of the inter-parliamentary union in Quebec City Oct 21-26. Her office is trying to see how they can arrange the program so that she can attend both the Global citizen award ceremony in NY on Sept 21 and the IPU a month later. BNGKK undertook to write to ASSK reiterating MINA's open invitation to visit Canada (communicated by letter in Dec 2011 and in person in Mar 2012) and would continue to be in touch with her office.

July 20: In discussions with US State Dept, oGPM/Hoffmann heard that ASSK planned to spend several weeks in N. America, including visits to NY (UNGA), WSHDC, California and several other locations. She was also apparently considering visiting Ottawa as well as attending the IPU meeting in October in Quebec City .

July 23: BNGKK had a detailed conversation with Dr. Tin Mar Aung, who said that ASSK's trip would last a maximum of 2 weeks and that she would like to include travel to Canada, possibly in the range of Sept 23 (earliest) to 26. She would prefer travelling on the 24th, Monday morning and leave the next day afternoon to the west coast. A day and a half trip (meet with the Canadian government and the Burmese community) was planned for Canada unless there were other invitations and engagement that required her presence. The IPU in Quebec City was now off the plan.

July 27: BNGKK was advised that despite the plans we'd been given, ASSK has decided that

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her program in the US is too packed to allow a side trip to Canada. As context, she was suffering from exhaustion when she returned from Europe (she was in fact ill during the trip) and had to miss the first few days of parliament to recover. BNGKK went back to ASSK's office to see what could be done to have them reconsider - emphasising how disappointed MINA and NGOs would be and offering whatever help we can to get a trip to Canada squeezed in.

July 30: BNGKK continued to follow up. ASSK's office reconfirmed to BNGKK that there is no possibility of including a trip to Canada during the US trip. They're already concerned about how long the US trip will be (more than two weeks). They stated ASSK is committed to coming to Canada for a longer trip at a later date, although there is no clear timeframe.

Aug. 9 : BNGKK spoke with ASSK's chief of staff and requested timing for a phone call with MINA. Chief of staff stated again that there was no time for a visit to Canada and that ASSK was not available to take a phone call.

August 13: GSD spoke with Burmese Ambassador about the potential visit.

Aug 14: Wendell Sanford travelled to Nay Pyi Taw to deliver letter to ASSK. Was unable to reach ASSK's Chief of Staff, but was able to deliver ASSK visit proposal to her Principal Private Parliamentary Secretary, Phyo Zeya Thaw MP, who promised to get it to ASSK.

Aug 17: GSD/Giokas advised by Burmese Amb in Ottawa that ASSK is considering rescheduling her US visit. No dates mentioned.

Aug 17: Wendell Sanford followed up with phone call to ASSK's parliamentary secretary. No response.

Aug 20: Sanford phoned Phyo Zeya Thaw hourly without success. Follow up email sent as well. Attempting to contact US Embassy in Rangoon and State Department in Washington to determine schedule and status of US trip; awaiting response.

Aug 21: No response from either ASSK staff or US. Further follow up calls planned for Aug. 22.

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**TALKING POINTS:**

**MEETING WITH ASSK'S STAFF REGARDING INVITATION TO CANADA**

- Further to your recent discussions with the Embassy of Canada in Thailand, I would like to re-extend an invitation for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to visit Canada during her September trip to the United States.
- We would be grateful if you could ensure that this invitation is brought to the attention of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.
- Canadian officials will do everything to ensure this visit is brief and comfortable and does not interfere with her US visit.
- As a Special Guest of the Government of Canada and an Honorary Citizen, a government aircraft would meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in the American city of her choice and return her to her next American destination. Travel time from the Eastern United States is very short.
- Depending on her preference, a half- or full-day program in Ottawa could be arranged, including an address to Parliament. we would also be pleased to support a program that also includes another city, if that is ASSK's preference.
- An opportunity to address the Canadian Parliament, meetings with the Canadian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and any other requested officials, could be arranged.
- An official visit would be an opportunity for the Government of Canada to again salute Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's courage and achievements. We can reaffirm the growing relationship between Canada and Burma. It would also be timely ahead of the Canadian Minister of International Trade's visit to Burma in September.
- [REDACTED]
- Please ensure that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is aware of the importance the Government of Canada attaches to this proposed visit to Ottawa in September.
- With a positive response, an official letter of invitation from Prime Minister Harper will follow to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

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Chargé d'affaires  
The Embassy of Canada to Burma

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**Nelson, David -GSA**

**Subject:** FW: MINA to Call ASSK

**From:** Kitnikone, Ping -BNGKK -TD  
**Sent:** August 10, 2012 4:43 AM  
**To:** Nelson, David -GSA  
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**Subject:** RE: MINA to Call ASSK

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We have spoken to ASSK's Chief of Staff. Despite our previous positive exchanges with her and our persistent persuasion, Dr. Tin Mar Aung declined to have ASSK take the Minister's call. CoS explained that ASSK is very busy visiting neighbouring constituencies over the weekend and sitting in parliament during the week so she is only taking calls for emergency matters now. On the parliamentary side, ASSK has just been named the chair of the parliamentary "rule of law committee" which represents a significant addition to her already extremely busy schedule. CoS also stated that even a call from MINA would not change their decision on a September visit to Canada; therefore, CoS would not take the issue to ASSK.

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One additional option could be for MINT to raise the issue directly with ASSK at their upcoming meeting, as suggested in his talking points.

CoS declined to give us the specifics of the planned trip to the US.

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**Levesque, Gillian -XDV**

**From:** Hudson, Andrea -XDV  
**Sent:** August 8, 2012 2:57 PM  
**To:** Séguin, Denise -XDV; Levesque, Gillian -XDV  
**Subject:** FW: possible visit by Aung Sang Suu Kyi

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**Subject:** FW: possible visit by Aung Sang Suu Kyi

All: GSA advised today that the decision has been taken by the Burmese side to have ASSK visit only in the USA in September. As a consequence, proposed visit to Canada is deferred to a more convenient time, hopefully later in 2012.

 Pls advise asap.

best  
Lynne

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**Subject:** RE: Possible visit by Aung Sang Suu Kyi  
**Sent:** Wed 8/1/2012 4:07:04 PM  
**From:** Imbeault, Louise -MINA

From: Imbeault, Louise -MINA Sent: 2012/08/01 12:07:04 PM  
At this point Minister will be in town only on September 24.

Merci

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Sent: Thursday July 26 2012 3:57 PM  
To: Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA  
Cc: Van Essen, Talina -MINA; Imbeault, Louise -MINA; Lapratte-Goulet, Annik -MINA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA; Cripton, Erich -MINA; Thomson, Lynne -DCV; Bleber, Caroline -DCV; Skabar, Tanis -DCV; Pomei, Simon -USS; Musani, Farrah -USS  
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July 20, 2012

The Honourable John Baird  
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Dear Minister:

I write to request that the government strongly consider extending an official invitation to Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi to address the House of Commons in September in light of her visit to the United States to receive the Congressional Gold Medal on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

It would be a wonderful opportunity to invite Mrs. Suu Kyi to further reaffirm the strong bond between Canadians and the Burmese people, especially since she has also been recognized by Parliament as an honorary Canadian citizen.

I urge you to consider this opportunity to make an official invitation to an exemplary individual and true humanitarian.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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David,

o/MINA indicated that it would be great if officials could also stress that we would be pleased to host her in Ottawa - and preferably earlier than the October 21st IPU event.

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**Subject:** RE: MINA to Call ASSK

Erich,  
As discussed, we will let BNGKK know that MINA would like to phone ASSK.

Here is the what we have on her current plans for the US visit: ASSK to receive Congressional Award in Washington, D.C on Sept 19, then the Global Citizen Award on Sept 21. She is also planning to visit [REDACTED] in the US and then return to Burma.

ASSK is not planning to attend the IPU meeting in Quebec at the end of October.

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**Importance:** High

David,

Arrangements are being made for Minister Baird to call Aung San Suu Kyi as soon as possible to re-iterate his invitation to her to visit Canada some time in September.

As such, o/MINA requests that you provide any information you may have concerning her upcoming trip to the US, including dates, cities she is visiting, and what her program looks like.

Grateful for the requested information as soon as you can provide it.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** ASSK visit

Erich,

On ASSK's visit, BNGKK has just let us know that Wendell Sanford was able to deliver the ASSK visit proposal to her Principal Private Parliamentary Secretary, Phyoe Zeya Thaw MP, who promised to get it to ASSK. We are again having communications challenges with Nay Pyi Taw so we don't have additional details. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.

David

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**Subject:** RE: Incoming Meeting - MINA and Burma Foreign Minister

Erich,

On the ASSK visit, we have not yet been able to reach ASSK's chief of staff or anyone in her office. Our TD office in Burma, Wendell Sanford, is in Nay Pyi Taw today and tomorrow and will keep trying to contact ASSK or her staff.

David

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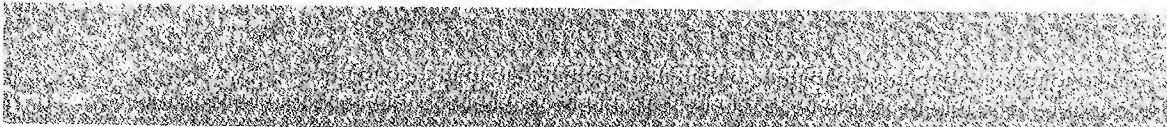
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Many thanks,

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**Nelson, David -GSA**

**From:** Giokas, Greg -GSD  
**Sent:** August 13, 2012 4:13 PM  
**To:** Kitnikone, Ping -BNGKK -TD; Sanford, Wendell -JLA; McDougall, Robert -BNGKK -GR  
**Cc:** Puxley, Evelyn -CSA; Nelson, David -GSA; Gillis, Sarah -GSA; 'Hannaford, John'; McGovern, Peter -GPM/DSMX; MacArthur, Peter -BBD; Santerre, Luc -GSC  
**Subject:** Invitation to ASSK  
**Attachments:** ASSK Invitation\_AUG 10 2012.docx; TALKING POINTS\_ASSK invitation\_AUG 13 2012.docx

Greetings,

Please see below, agreed by OMINA. If you have any additions, comments or deletions, please advise. We see this letter and talking points as our best recommendation, but will take your guidance as well on any suggested changes. Some questions that you should consider, but that we have accepted as part of our recommendation is "who signs" and "how addressed" (ie as opposed to having no addressee or signature).

The talking points are of course key and the place where some discretion in delivery can be determined sur place, conditioned by the tenor of the meeting. I discussed again with OMINA/Hong who mentioned that PMO has indicated UK Secretary Hage is here on the 24th of Sep, so there is a preference for ASSK visit on 25th, which is definitely available. They will however exercise flexibility - I think we should be aware from all of this that our open-ended invitation may encounter some realities here however, depending on dates that are accepted from ASSK end, if such is the case.

I should also mention that I met with Ambassador Tin today at lunch and I let him know that Wendell would be delivering a more detailed invitation to ASSK in Naypidaw tomorrow. His sense, again, was that she could not come to Canada and I mentioned that we were looking at ways to make it easy and comfortable for her to do so for a half- or full-day visit.

I'll send a separate message on our discussion related to the MINT visit - all moving along fine.

Thank you for your prompt and much appreciated actions on this. Cheers!

**TALKING POINTS:**

**MEETING WITH ASSK'S STAFF REGARDING INVITATION TO CANADA**

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- [REDACTED]
- Please ensure that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is aware of the importance the Government of Canada attaches to this proposed visit to Ottawa in September.
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**Nelson, David -GSA**

**From:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA  
**Sent:** August 20, 2012 11:53 AM  
**To:** Cripton, Erich -MINA  
**Cc:** MacArthur, Peter -GSD; Villanueva, Sofeene -GPM; Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA; Jeffrey, Heather -USS; Pomel, Simon -USS; Mackey, Timothy -USS; Grant, Alison -DMA; Gour, Christian -DMA; Nelson, David -GSA; Komorski, Christina -GSA  
**Subject:** RE: ASSK

Erich,

We will endeavour to make this happen, taking into account most recent developments, which may be of interest also to O/MINA:

You may wish to pass on to O/MINA latest developments:

1) GSD/Giokas was advised late Friday by Burmese Amb in Ottawa that ASSK is considering rescheduling her US visit. No dates mentioned.

2) Message received from Cda's Wendell Sanford in Rangoon earlier this morning (sent at close of business, Rangoon time): "Have phoned Phyo Zeya Thaw [Parliamentary Personal Secretary to ASSK with whom he had met to convey Canadian invitation in person last week] hourly today without success. Follow up email sent as well."

Evelyn

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cripton, Erich -MINA  
**Sent:** August 20, 2012 10:13 AM  
**To:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA  
**Cc:** MacArthur, Peter -GSD; Villanueva, Sofeene -GPM; Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA; Jeffrey, Heather -USS; Pomel, Simon -USS; Mackey, Timothy -USS; Grant, Alison -DMA; Gour, Christian -DMA; Nelson, David -GSA  
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Evelyn,

o/MJNA would like to once again try and arrange a phone call between Minister Baird and ASSK for some time this week. The purpose of the phone call would be to re-iterate the invitation to visit Canada.

Grateful if the Department could endeavour to make the necessary arrangements.

Best,

Erich

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA  
**Sent:** August 17, 2012 8:34 PM  
**To:** Cripton, Erich -MINA; Nelson, David -GSA  
**Cc:** Giokas, Greg -GSD; Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA; Jeffrey, Heather -USS; Pomel, Simon -USS; Mackey, Timothy -USS; Grant, Alison -DMA; Gour, Christian -DMA  
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Erich,

Our rep in Rangoon asked interlocutors again today for any response to demarche made in

NPT in person, earlier this week. Nothing yet.  
We'll keep pressing and advise if/when any news.  
(See GSA update sent by GSD circa 18h00 today.)

Evelyn  
EP on Canada's BB/Envoyé via BB canadien

----- Original Message -----

From: Cripton, Erich -MINA  
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 07:56 PM  
To: Nelson, David -GSA  
Cc: Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Giokas, Greg -GSD; Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA;  
Jeffrey, Heather -USS; Pomel, Simon -USS; Mackey, Timothy -USS; Grant, Alison -DMA; Gour,  
Christian -DMA  
Subject: ASSK

David,

o/MINA was wondering if there was any update vis-a-vis the ASSK visit.

Many thanks,

Erich

**Nelson, David -GSA**

**To:** Giokas, Greg -GSD; Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Gillis, Sarah -GSA  
**Subject:** RE: BURMA: Invitation to ASSK

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**From:** Giokas, Greg -GSD  
**Sent:** August 13, 2012 4:18 PM  
**To:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Nelson, David -GSA; Gillis, Sarah -GSA  
**Subject:** FW: BURMA: Invitation to ASSK

Hang onto this.

I changed stuff a bit in the version I sent out.

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**From:** Hong, Paul -MINA  
**Sent:** August 13, 2012 1:45 PM  
**To:** Giokas, Greg -GSD  
**Cc:** Day, Chris -MINA  
**Subject:** BURMA: Invitation to ASSK

Greg: This is fine. We can also in the TPs float idea if she wants a longer program, we're happy to arrange as well. Please advise once Wendall has gone in and delivered the letter/messages. Thanks!

Paul

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**From:** Glokas, Greg -GSD  
**Sent:** August 13, 2012 1:34 PM  
**To:** Hong, Paul -MINA  
**Subject:** Fw: Invitation to ASSK  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Gillis, Sarah -GSA  
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2012 12:32 PM  
**To:** Glokas, Greg -GSD  
**Cc:** Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Nelson, David -GSA  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation to ASSK

As per our discussion this morning, please find below and attached the reworked letter of invitation to ASSK and TPs for Wendell's meeting with ASSK's staff, both reviewed by Evelyn.

Sarah

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Sincerely,

Ping Kitnikone  
Chargé d'affaires  
The Embassy of Canada to Burma

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**Komorski, Christina -GSA**

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**From:** Komorski, Christina -GSA  
**Sent:** September 5, 2012 11:13 PM  
**To:** Cripton, Erich -MINA  
**Cc:** Villanueva, Sofeene -GPM; MacArthur, Peter -GSD; Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Nelson, David -GSA; Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA; Jeffrey, Heather -USS; Pomel, Simon -USS; Mackey, Timothy -USS; Grant, Alison -DMA; Gour, Christian -DMA  
**Subject:** Re: ASSK

Erich, we received some further details from post on MINT's meeting with ASSK. Apologies for the delay getting back to you.

[REDACTED] She emphasized that she wanted the visit to properly demonstrate her appreciation for Canada's friendship, honorary citizenship, etc.

Christina

----- Original Message -----

From: Cripton, Erich -MINA  
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 06:32 PM  
To: Komorski, Christina -GSA  
Cc: Villanueva, Sofeene -GPM; MacArthur, Peter -GSD; Puxley, Evelyn -GSA; Nelson, David -GSA; Sauvé, Jonathan -MINA; Gordon, Tariq -MINA; Jeffrey, Heather -USS; Pomel, Simon -USS; Mackey, Timothy -USS; Grant, Alison -DMA; Gour, Christian -DMA  
Subject: ASSK

Christina,

o/MINA requests a formal readout of Minister Fast's bilateral with ASSK, particularly with respect to her advising Minister Fast that she would not be able to visit Canada during her upcoming trip to the US.

[REDACTED]  
Best,

Erich

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